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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM PROBLEM WITH GROUND SERVICES

REF: STATE 165392

1. SUMMARY: PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL PAN AM REGIONAL
MNG DIR HAROLD WILLIAMS ON VISIT FROM BEIRUT CALLED AT
CONGEN JULY 30 TO SAY HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN WITH DIRECTOR
GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION RIZVI CONCERNING GROUND SERVICE
PROBLEM AT KARACHI. WILLIAMS SAID RIZVI HAD INFORMED
HIM PAN AM HAD CHOICE OF EITHER USING PIA GROUND
SERVICES OR DIRECTLY HIRING NECESSARY STAFF TO DO JOB.
WILLIAMS BELIEVES PAN AM HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
TAKE ONE OF THESE TWO CHOICES OFFERED AND IS NOW
CONSIDERING RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF THESE ALTERNATIVES.
END SUMMARY

2. IN COMPANY FAA DEPY ASST ADMINISTRATOR ALBERT L.
GAMMON, WHO ALSO VISITING KARACHI, I CALLED ON DGCA
RIZVI JULY 31. AMONG OTHER MATTERS WHICH WE DISCUSSED
WAS PAN AM PROBLEM. RIZVI CLAIMED PAN AM HAD BEEN USING
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AVIATION SERVICES LTD. WITHOUT FORMAL APPROVAL OF

DGCA AND IN CONTRAVENTION DGCA POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 1958 NOT TO ALLOW OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS PERFORM SERVICES AT KARACHI AIRPORT. RIZVI EMPHASIZED HIS ORGANIZATION NOT FORCING PAN AM USE PIA AND THAT PAN AM, LIKE SOME OTHER CARRIERS HERE, PERFECTLY FREE DIRECTLY EMPLOY ITS OWN LABOR FORCE. FOR REASONS OF SECURITY, HOWEVER, OUTSIDE LABOR CONTRACTING COMPANY SUCH AS AVIATION SERVICES LTD COULD NO LONGER BE ALLOWED OPERATE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RIZVI IN OUR CONVERSATION STRESSED SECURITY ANGLE AND ALLEGATION THAT PAN AM HAD BEEN EMPLOYING ASL ALMOST SURREPTITIOUSLY, WILLIAMS CLAIMS THAT PRESSURE FROM LABOR UNIONS AND POSSIBLY LABOR MINISTRY HAS FORCED RIZVI INTO TERMINATING ASL'S INFORMAL PERMISSION OPERATE. DIFFICULT FOR CONGEN DETERMINE EXACT ACCURACY SOMEWHAT VARYING STATEMENTS OF PAN AM AND DGCA. IN ANY EVENT WILLIAMS NOW CONVINCED PAN AM WILL HAVE TO MAKE CHOICE OF PERFORMING SERVICES DIRECTLY OR USING SERVICES PROVIDED BY PIA AS DO ALL OTHER CARRIERS OPERATING THROUGH KARACHI. WILLIAMS NOW CONFERRING WITH PAN AM HEADQUARTERS ON THIS QUESTION WHICH INVOLVES NOT ONLY GREATER FEES CHARGED BY PIA BUT UNDESIRABILITY OF TAKING NUMBER MILITANT WORKERS IN ASL DIRECTLY ONTO PAN AM PAYROLL. WILLIAMS BELIEVES RIZVI WILL BE REASONABLE IN ALLOWING SOME EXTENSION OF ASL SERVICE CONTRACT IN ORDER GIVE PAN AM TIME FOR ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES AND DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER CONGEN ASSISTANCE FOR NOW.
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